GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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LAND UNDER IRRIGATION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have fixed any target to cover more area of land under irrigation in the country during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the target fixed and achievements made there under;

(c) the allocation made for the purpose and the amount released till the end of December 2000; and

(d) the amount actually utilized alongwith the additional area of land brought under irrigation so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) to (d) With a view to cover more area of land under irrigation a target for creating additional irrigational potential of 17.05 million hectare (m.ha) has been fixed for the Ninth Five Year Plan Period (1997-2002).Against the said target, additional irrigation potential of about 5.17 m.ha is estimated to have been created by the end of the year 1999-2000. A total amount of Rs. 36,689.25 crore was allocated to the States for irrigation development during 1997-98 to 1999-2000 under the State Plans and the corresponding actual/anticipated expenditure incurred by the States during the said period was Rs.33,425.77 crore. In addition, under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme, Central Loan Assistance of Rs. 4,447.68 crore was released to the States and was utilised by them from 1997-98 to the end of December, 2000.